

Whereas, the said river, in a state of nature, affords an insecure navigation only for about one month in the year; and

Whereas, the river being admirably adapted to the building of dams for the purpose of slack-water navigation, and, added to the importance of the navigation of said stream, is the vast amount of hydraulic power which would be obtained by the construction of dams, which alone would be of incalculable advantage to the country through which it passes: Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**Request to representatives.** That our representatives in congress be requested to use their best exertions to obtain an appropriation, either of land or money, sufficient to improve the navigation of the said river from its mouth to Iowa City, the capital of this state.

Resolved, that the governor of the state be requested to forward copies of the above preamble and resolutions to our representatives in congress.

Approved, February 2d, 1847.

[199] RESOLUTION—NO. 15.

MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting our representatives in congress to procure the establishment of certain mail routes.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**Tri-weekly mail from Keokuk to Dubuque.** That our representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to procure the establishment of a tri-weekly mail, instead of the present weekly mail, on the route from Iowa City to Montrose, and have the same extended to Keokuk, in this state, and also to have the same mail route extended to Dubuque, in this state.

Resolved, that his excellency, the governor, be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the postmaster general, and to each of our representatives in congress.

Approved, February 3d, 1847.

RESOLUTION NO. 16.

MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting our representatives in congress to procure the establishment of certain mail routes.

Whereas, there is no direct mail route to and from the seat of government of this state, in a southwesterly direction; and

Whereas, there is great delay in the conveyance of letters and papers to the southwestern counties, from the seat of government: therefore:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**Mail from Iowa City to Ottumwa.** That our representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to procure the establishment of a mail route from Iowa City, by Sigourney, the county seat of Keokuk county, to Ottumwa, the county seat of Wapello county, and thence to Bloomfield, the county seat of Davis county.